

# 1<sup>st</sup> Henllys Beaver Scouts



## Annual Report May 2010-April 2011



## 2011 Beaver Scouts 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday

To celebrate this anniversary, a commemorative badge has been designed which can be worn on the Beaver Scout uniform. Beavers are celebrating with lots of activities centering on Silver, number 25 and 1986.

### Membership

Both Colonies now have a healthy membership of between fifteen and eighteen, after dropping to only about half this number of children this time last year. We have two uniformed section leaders per colony and a colony helper, Sabrina, who is leaving us shortly to start university in September. Angela also joined the team last September as our BSL Interpreter. We also have Young Leaders Dan and Ben.

### Section Events

During the summer term we enjoyed a warm evening in the company of some very well behaved ponies at Tickens Trekking, Upper Cwmbrian. Thankfully we came away with all our fingers and toes intact!



We also enjoyed a lovely evening at the Pets at Home store in Cwmbrian, learning about all the animals. Other programme highlights from this past year have included:-

- Beaver Family Camp at Botany Bay
- Torfaen Healthy Friends
- Easter egg hunt
- Pond dipping at Fourteen Locks
- Bring a friend night
- Remembrance parade – best turnout of beavers for a few years.
- Dick Whittington Panto at Congress Theatre
- District Sleepover at St Hilda's Griffithstown

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- St George Camp at Caldicot Castle



- Visit from Hearing dogs for the deaf
- Planted gifts of bulbs for the elderly at Ty Canol Court, Fairwater.
- Collected 300 used postage stamps for Many Tears Animal Sanctuary
- Collected Christmas cards for recycling
- Christingle Service at Llanyrafon.
- District Christmas party at Pontypool.
- Gang show



## Badge work

We have been working hard this year to gain all of our challenge badges and have awarded eight Bronze Awards during the year. We also achieved the Healthy Eating and Health and Fitness badges after working with the Torfaen Healthy Friends Team. Some beavers have gained their Animal Friend badge after a visit to Pets at Home.

Most of the beavers have completed their Health Challenge Award Wales. We are at present in the process of working on the Welsh Beaver Award which we hope to complete by the end of the year.

Many thanks to all parents who have given time to help make this past year a success. Well done!